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SUBJ: PRESS COMMENTS ON US SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY

1. MOST PAPERS MAY, 6 AS WELL AS RADIO AND TV, REPORT ON US CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON FY 78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR TURKEY. PAPERS REPORT THAT SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AND HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAVE APPROVED \$175 MILLION FMS CREDITS FOR TURKEY IN FY 78, BUT THAT LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR INTERIM FUNDING OF F-4 PROGRAM UNDER FMS WAS DISAPPROVED BY BOTH BODIES. REPORTS NOTE THAT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS SAID THAT TURKEY COULD PURCHASE F-4'S THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS IF GOT WISHED TO DO SO.

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2. LIBERAL DAILY "MILLIYET", IN ADDITION TO STRAIGHT NEWS COMMENTS PER ABOVE, SAID THAT IT WILL BE MORE EXPENSIVE FOR GOT TO BUY F-4'S COMMERCIALLY THAN UNDER FMS PROGRAM, BUT THAT GOT MAY FINANCE THIS HIGHER COST THROUGH LOANS TO BE OBTAINED FROM FRG OR AN ARAB COUNTRY. " MILLIYET" ALSO NOTES THAT GREEK NEWSPAPERS HAVE TRUMPETED CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AS VICTORY FOR GOG UNDER SUCH HEAD-

LINES AS " TURKEY WILL GET MEONEY, BUT PHANTOMS WILL NEVER LAND AT
TURKISH AIRFIELDS."

3. LEFTIST DAILY " CUMHURRIEYT" REPORTS FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AS
SAYING THAT PRIMIN DEMIREL PLANS TO EXPLAIN IMPACT OF USG ARMS
TRANSFER LIMITATIONS TO PRESIDENT CARTER AT NATO SUMMIT MAY 10.
CONSERVATIVE " TERCUMAN" REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL INVITE
PRIMIN CARAMANLIS TO WASHINGTON AFTER JUNE 5 TURKISH ELECTIONS, AND
WILL EXTEND INVITATION TO NEW TURKISH PRIMIN AFTER GOVERNMENT IS
FORMED AFTER ELECTIONS.

4. MEANWHILE, POPULAR DAILY "HURRIYET" SAYS THAT "TOP SECRET"
REPORT ON TURKEY, DRAWN UP BY RAND CORP. AND NOW BEING REVIEWED BY
VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE, STATES THAT USSR IS WOOING TURKEY AND THAT
"POLITICAL DOCUMENT" UNDER CONSIDERATION BY SOVIETS AND GOT IS AIMED
AT GIVING USSR ADVANCE WARNING OF MILITARY OPERATIONS THAT MIGHT BE
PLANNED BY NATO AGAINST WARSAW PACT. TURKEY, "HURRIEYT" REPORT
CONTINUES, HAS THUS FAR REJECTED THIS PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT IS IN-
COMPATIBLE WITH ITS NATO MEMBERSHIP. RAND REPORT, ACCORDING TO
"HURRIEYT", ALSO CONTAINS DETAILS OF SOVIET ECONOMIC AID TO
TURKEY AND PREDICTS THAT TURKISH-SOVIET RELATIONS WILL MAKE
"BIG STRIDES" IN FUTURE.

5. FINALLY, SEVERAL PAPERS REPORT THAT, ON EVE OF NATO SUMMIT,
NATO HAS " REJECTED" GREEK CONDITIONS FOR RETURNING TO FULL MILITARY
PARTICIPATION IN ALLIANCE, INCLUDING LINKING OF GREECE TO NAPLES
HEADQUARTERS INSTEAD OF IZMIR.

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